



HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD

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The Hanford Advisory Board: Mission Statement

The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) is

a nonpartisan, broadly representative body consisting of 32 members interested in the cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) complex, located in southeastern Washington state, where plutonium was produced for the national defense effort during World War II and the Cold War. The HAB works to provide consensus advice to DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), collectively known as the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) agencies, on selected major policy issues related to the cleanup of the Hanford Site.

The HAB was chartered in 1994 by DOE under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The HAB is one of eight citizen advisory boards that make up the DOE Office of Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board. The purpose of the charter and development of the HAB is to provide a forum for bringing together diverse views, cultures, and demographics from communities and regions affected by Hanford Site cleanup activities.

What is the Hanford Advisory Board?

The Hanford Advisory Board has the following attributes:

- **Mission oriented:** The primary mission of the HAB is to provide informed recommendations and consensus advice to the TPA agencies on selected major policy issues related to Hanford Site cleanup.
- **Policy focused:** The HAB focuses on difficult policy-level issues associated with a long history of plutonium production and the resulting contamination from radioactive and chemical waste.
- **Diverse:** The HAB is made up of 32 members representing a variety of constituencies from local interests, environmental perspectives, business groups, tribal nations, public health representatives, state of Oregon officials, university professionals, public-at-large representatives, and the Hanford workforce.
- **Collaborative:** The HAB operates by consensus.
- **Dedicated:** The HAB has provided 294 pieces of consensus advice to the TPA agencies over the last 25 years.
- **Robust:** The HAB maintains five standing committees that routinely meet throughout the year to discuss issues of relevance to the Site's cleanup.
- **Inviting:** All HAB meetings are open to the public. The HAB actively reaches out to different communities to increase awareness of and involvement in Hanford cleanup. More information about the HAB, including all HAB advice, responses and correspondence, can be found at www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab.

The Hanford Advisory Board: Chair's Message

The COVID-19 pandemic and the protocols required to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved with the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) made it impossible to meet in person in 2020. The dedicated HAB volunteers, supported by the U.S. Department of Energy along with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology, provided resources so that the HAB could meet virtually to continue our work.

We thank all the support staffs and management for quickly responding and managing the extraordinary challenges that we all faced in 2020. Board members stepped up to the plate as well, adapting to new technology and provided five substantial, informed pieces of advice to the Tri-Party Agreement agencies: [Advice 304](#) - FY2022 Hanford Cleanup Priorities; [Advice 305](#) - Future Workforce Collaborations Hanford Employee Workforce Pipeline; [Advice 306](#) - Managing the Risk of Aging Structures and Keeping the Public and Stakeholders Engaged; [Advice 307](#) - Effective Virtual Public Meetings; and [Advice 308](#) - B Plant. All of the HAB's foundational documents, meeting summaries and advice can be found on the website <https://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab>.

In December 2020, the HAB selected Steve Wiegman as its new Chair. Steve will begin his first 2-year term during the first full Hanford Advisory Board meeting in March 2021.

Hanford Advisory Board meetings are open to the public and will continue virtually until determined to be safe to meet in person.



Susan Leckband

The Hanford Advisory Board: 2020 At A Glance

This section of the report recounts 2020 HAB activities and accomplishments. This includes a summary of the consensus advice provided to the TPA agencies during this period, as well as more detailed highlights of the significant work performed over the course of the fiscal year.

Advice in 2020

The HAB adopted five pieces of advice in 2020. To read these pieces of advice and TPA agency responses in their entirety, visit www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab.

Advice	# 304	FY2022 Hanford Cleanup Priorities Date submitted: February 6, 2020
	# 305	Future Workforce Collaborations Hanford Employee Workforce Pipeline Date submitted: February 6, 2020
	# 306	Managing the Risk of Aging Structures and Keeping the Public and Stakeholders Date submitted: June 25, 2020
	# 307	Effective Virtual Public Meetings Date submitted: October 8, 2020
	# 308	B Plant Date submitted: October 8, 2020

The Hanford Advisory Board: Committees

The HAB is composed of five committees that focus on policy recommendations to the TPA agencies about complex issues driving cleanup at Hanford. A sixth committee is comprised of the HAB and committee leadership. Each committee develops draft advice based on shared information, discussion and HAB values. The committees work, through the consensus process, to identify and agree on specific advice points. When advice has committee consensus, it is brought before the full HAB for consideration.

The HAB has two technical committees: River and Plateau, and Tank Waste. They are responsible for understanding and tracking current Hanford cleanup work. The other three committees are the Public Involvement and Communications; Budget and Contracts; and Health, Safety, and Environmental Protection. They are focused on tracking broader sitewide issues. The sixth committee is the Executive Issues committee, which provides overall HAB leadership.

Annually, the committees identify a list of priority topics for discussion and develop a work plan. The work plan is comprised of timely topics brought forward through collaborative discussions between the HAB, TPA agency representatives and Hanford Site contractors. Members will self-identify as issue managers on a committee level, when they have a strong interest or expertise in a particular issue. Issue managers take the lead in researching, framing topics for discussions and developing advice.

2020 HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Board Leadership

Chair: Susan Leckband, Washington League of Women Voters

Vice chair: Shelley Cimon, Columbia Riverkeeper

National Liaison

Pam Larsen, City of Richland

Committee Leadership

Budgets and Contracts Committee

Chair: Tom Galioto, public at large

Vice chair: Emmitt Jackson, non-union, non-management employee

Health, Safety, and Environmental Protection Committee

Chair: Rebecca Holland, Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council

Vice chair: Richard Bloom, City of West Richland

Public Involvement and Communications Committee

Chair: Jeff Burrigh, Oregon Department of Energy

Vice chair: Liz Mattson, Hanford Challenge

River and Plateau Committee

Chair: Jan Catrell, public at large

Vice chair: Tom Sicilia, Oregon Department of Energy

Tank Waste Committee

Chair: Bob Suyama, Benton County

Vice chair: Steve Wiegman, public at large



Getting Involved with the Hanford Advisory Board



If you're interested in the HAB's work or in learning more about cleanup at the Hanford Site, you can stay involved and informed in the following ways:

Talk to your HAB member — There are 32 HAB seats representing perspectives from local governments, the Hanford workforce, public health and environmental organizations, universities, the public at large, and tribal nations. Talk to a representative to learn more and to share your thoughts. Current membership lists are maintained on the HAB's website.

Attend a HAB meeting — Consider observing a HAB or committee meeting. HAB and committee meetings are open to the public and occur almost monthly throughout the year. Meetings are held in Richland and information on upcoming meetings can be found on the Hanford website (www.Hanford.gov) under the Events Calendar.

Become a member — Each HAB seat consists of a primary and alternate member. As seats become open, individual organizations or interest groups nominate replacements. For more information on the process of becoming a HAB member, visit www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab

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